

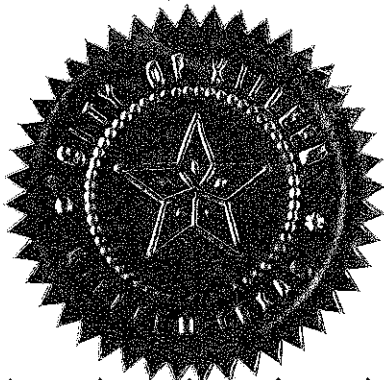


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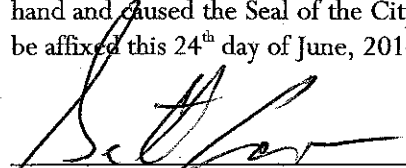
- WHEREAS** When armed forces from communist North Korea smashed into South Korea setting off the Korean War, the United States, acting under the auspices of the United Nations, quickly sprang to the defense of South Korea and fought a bloody, frustrating war for the next three years; and
- WHEREAS** Korea, a former Japanese possession, had been divided into zones of occupation following WWII with United States forces accepting the surrender of Japanese forces in southern Korea and Soviet forces accepting northern Korea; and
- WHEREAS** Like Germany, however, this temporary division would become permanent; South Korea supported by the United States, North Korea assisted by the Soviets; and
- WHEREAS** On June 25, 1950, the South Korean Army and a small US force were surprised by North Korean forces who quickly headed to the capital city of Seoul; and
- WHEREAS** The United States responded by pushing a resolution through the United Nations Security Council calling for military assistance in South Korea; and
- WHEREAS** President Harry S. Truman dispatched US military forces by land, sea, and air aiding South Korean forces in repelling the invasion by North Korea; and
- WHEREAS** Today, we mark the anniversary of the start of the Korean War and pay tribute and respect to the brave soldiers who fought for the peace, freedom, and prosperity of South Korea.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott Cospers, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim June 25, 2014 as:

Korean War Veterans Appreciation Day



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 24th day of June, 2014.


Scott Cospers, MAYOR